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Perhaps no member of New Jersey's congressional delegation is more acutely aware of voter skepticism about excessive government spending than U.S. Rep. John Adler. The Cherry Hill Democrat, in his first term in the House of Representatives, represents a district that's still Republican-leaning. Next year, it looks like he'll have face popular former Eagle Jon Runyan in a race to keep his seat.

Recently, Adler was the only Democrat from New Jersey to vote against a \$450 billion omnibus federal spending bill. On Wednesday he voted against a \$154 billion jobs bill that appears loaded with pork.

We applaud Adler's show of fiscal restraint. If he's doing so against the wishes of his party because he wants to convince voters in his district that he represents them well, then that's exactly what elected officials are supposed to do.